



Army Sgt. Kristina Hughes performs a disarming tactic and Army Sgt. James Jackson.



Tech. Sgt. Thomas Sullivan instructs Army National Guardsman on the proper procedures of searching a person if they suspect them of carrying weapons.

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Airman 1st Class Tiffany Buckley holds a M-203 grenade launcher at port arms.

Top cops protect Holloman

Airman on Patrol

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During National Police Week Team Holloman salutes the 49th Security Forces Squadron airmen who work 12 to 14 hour days everyday in all types of weather to keep Holloman safe.

The 239-person 49th Security Forces Squadron provides protection and service for a 58,000-acre installation with over 200 miles of roadways and 1,500 housing units. They oversee security and resource protection for the F-117A Night-hawks and Air Force Space Command's \$225 million space surveillance systems.

Security Forces has many sections that are essential to fulfill Holloman's force protection needs, including an investigation section, an antiterrorism program and an operations branch. The operations branch provides the Holloman community with security support and police services.

As the first to meet and greet the public, installation entry

controllers are the ambassadors of the 49th Fighter Wing commander. They provide one of the most important police services because they control who is and who isn't authorized to get on base. Most of airmen see them everyday and depending on the situation, gate guards can seem like a person's best friend or their worst enemy, in either instance their goal is the same; to keep Holloman safe.

"As Security Forces Police officers we are in an authoritative position," said 49th Security Forces Pass and registration Clerk Senior Airman Nikia J. Parker. "The hardest part is trying to help people understand that our job is to enforce the rules, not to give hard time. I love my job, and I'm honored to be in such a distinguished career field that allows me to help people."

Protecting airmen on base is the job of security forces patrolmen. They are constantly alert to alarms and traffic rules and basic enforcement in their areas of responsibility. They are the first responders to fires, missing children, accidents and bomb threats. They also provide law enforcement duties and aircraft security day and night.

"The best part of the job is receiving a simple "Thank You" from someone when I'm doing my job," said 49th Security Forces Tech. Sgt. Thomas Sullivan. "The 49th Security Forces Squadron has instituted a multitude of community policing programs, forging an excellent relationship with the Holloman citizens they protect and serve."

Along with security forces airmen, the Army National Guardsmen have been integrated into the security forces family as well.

"They have had a steep learning curve," Sullivan said. "It's not just a new job for them, but it's in a unique career field and they have performed top notch."

Along with gate guards and



Dino, one of the dogs from the K-9 unit, smiles for the camera as his trainer, Staff Sgt. James Smith secures him on a leash.

patrolmen, security forces perform many other force protection duties. Their duties require the use of force, up to and including the use of deadly force. They are constantly attending training to ensure combat capability through functions including installation security, nuclear and conventional weapon systems and resources security, air base defense, law enforcement, information security, military working dog activities and combat arms train-

ing and maintenance.

"National Police Week celebrates all areas of police work," Sullivan said. "The annual event allows people to re-focus both themselves and the community on the police mission and why we do what we do. This week concludes with a memorial service honoring those who have given their all in the service of protecting others. We join with our civilian counterparts in this event to recognize our fallen heroes."



Staff Sgt. Brent Paul puts a ticket on a truck for no registration.



2nd Lt. Tony Austin wears an arm sleeve to protect him from the jaws of K-9 units' Dino. The sleeve is used in training to promote a comfortable, full-mouth grip by encouraging the dog's natural responses.